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Photo By R. Gunther



THE BEAUTIFUL AND SPACIOUS SANCTUARY of the host church, Main Street, Hattiesburg (top photo) was filled to capacity, with people even occupying chairs in the choir, for the Tuesday evening session of the State Evangelistic Conference Feb. 1-3. Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dallas, was the speaker. In lower photo several present are seen together just prior to opening session Monday evening. From left: Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary; Grady Gibbs, layman from First Church, Harvey; Dr. Joel D. Ray, superintendent of missions of Lebanon Association; Dr. Lowrey Compere, president of Clarke College, Newton; Dr. Morris Ashcraft, professor of theology, Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City; Rev. Roy Collum, conference director; and Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., host pastor.

# Understanding is Needed In Affairs Of World, Nixon Says

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Richard Nixon, speaking to 3,000 persons at the annual National Prayer Breakfast here, asked God for "an understanding heart" for himself and other persons in positions of world leadership.

The President of the United States, always the guest of honor at these annual prayer meetings, was joined by a host of prominent government officials, religious leaders, business and professional persons and diplomats from more than 100 countries.

"Let us have an understanding heart in our relationships between races and religions, parties and generations, and in our relations with each other," the President urged.

Mr. Nixon made his plea for "understanding" as he described what he wants the nation to be when it

celebrates its 200th anniversary in 1976.

"We want America to be not just big, not just strong, and not just rich, but a good country in every sense of the word—good at home and good in our relationships with other

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## Child Care Executives' Meet Set For Jackson Feb. 16-18

The Child Care Executives of Southern Baptist will meet in annual session on February 16 to February 18 in Jackson.

The Baptist Children's Village and its Superintendent, Paul N. Nunnery, will host the 1971 meeting, which is the twenty-third annual session of the organization.

The meetings will be conducted in Hotel Heidelberg in Jackson and in Powell Chapel on the campus of The Baptist Children's Village, which is the Mississippi Baptist child care agency.

The 1971 meeting of the Conference in Jackson is of particular interest and significance because the Child Care Executives organization had its first meeting and was founded and chartered in Jackson, Mississippi in January of 1948 at a meeting on the old Woodrow Wilson Drive campus of The Baptist Children's Village, then known as Mississippi Baptist Orphanage.

"Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists" is restricted in its membership to the Chief Executive

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## Evangelism Meeting 'Outstanding'

The attendance was good, the program was outstanding, the spirit was excellent and the prospects for lasting results are encouraging!

That description fits the annual State Baptist Evangelistic Conference held Feb. 1-3 at Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg.

Rev. Roy Collum, secretary of evangelism of the Convention Board, who presided over the program, said that this conference could appropriately be called "The Pastor's Revival."

Mr. Collum quickly pointed out,

however, that "whether the conference was in deed and in truth a 'Pastor's Revival' remains to be demonstrated in renewed courage, zeal, and inspired activity in the churches in all-out efforts to win the lost to the Saviour."

From the opening keynote message Monday evening by Dr. L. Gordon Samsing of Grenada until the final message Wednesday morning by Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, the conference proceeded on a high spiritual note.

Dr. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and always widely acclaimed in the state, was the principal speaker, bringing three challenging messages.

John Havik, associate in the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, also made three outstanding speeches.

The one other speaker was Dr. David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, who also delivered a strong message.

The conference music was a continuous highlight, with congregational singing and special music featured at every service.

Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department, was coordinator for conference music.

Dr. Morris Ashcraft, professor of theology, Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, led evangelistic Bible study at each of the five sessions, and his teachings were a high point of the conference.

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## Foreign Mission Overseas Force Reaches New High Of 2501 In '70

RICHMOND (BP)—Appointments of Southern Baptists to overseas mission posts in 1970 dropped sharply from a record high in 1969, but the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's total number of missionary personnel reached a new high of 2,501 during 1970.

According to figures released by the SBC Foreign Mission Board's department of missionary personnel, a total of 182 new missionaries were appointed by the board in 1970, compared to 1969's record number of 262 appointments.

The 182 new missionaries, lowest annual total since 1964, included 98 regular missionaries, 16 missionary associates, 64 missionary journeymen and two special project personnel.

These additions brought the total of regular missionaries to 2,211, missionary associates to 165, missionary

journeymen to 121, and special project personnel to four.

Noting the small net gain to the missionary force in 1970, Louis R. Cobbs, the board's secretary for missionary personnel, commented on the comparative losses during the year.

Cobbs said that normal rotation of auxiliary personnel including missionary associates, missionary journeymen, and special project personnel, accounted for 71 losses. Missionary associates, for example, serve terms of four years, with the possibility of reappointment to a second term, while missionary journeymen serve for two years before returning home.

Eight missionaries retired, eight died, and 84 resigned. The loss percentage (excluding rotation) was 3.99. Cobbs pointed out that this is well below the 1967 high of 4.30 per cent.

He noted several developments which, in his view, help to explain the drop in missionary appointments last year. To begin with, he said there is usually a fall-off after peak years, and 1969 was a peak year.

Also predictable, Cobbs continued, was the lower number of prospective missionaries being interviewed and processed by several new personnel representatives on his staff. It takes new staff workers a year to get into full swing of their responsibilities, he observed.

An administrative decision to reduce the number of jobs on missions fields to be filled by auxiliary personnel resulted in fewer missionary associates being employed last year than previously, Cobbs added. The board intends to limit auxiliary programs to approximately 10 per cent of the

missionary force, he said. About 50 per cent of missionary associates are extending their overseas service, thus making replacements for them unnecessary.

Another development affecting missionary appointments, Cobbs said, is the apparent interest of many missionary graduates in a growing variety of ministries open to them in the

states, particularly in urban areas. Most seminarians don't seem to be informed of the variety of challenges for ministries overseas, Cobbs said, particularly in the world's great cities. Urban ministries comprise thrust of newly developing needs for missionaries overseas, he added.

A profile study of the missionaries

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## Baptists And Catholics Confer

DAYTONA BEACH (BP)—The First Baptist-Catholic regional conference featuring pastors and parish priests ended on a note of community here with priests and preachers alike evidencing a commitment to continue dialogue on a local level.

The 50 Baptist and 50 Catholic participants met for three days at Daytona Beach's Marco Polo Inn to discuss topics ranging from salvation to civic righteousness. In the process many seemed to learn from each other and learn about each other, according to observers.

The meeting was sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of interfaith witness and the Bishop's Committee for Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. It was unique in that the majority of participants have direct contact with local congregations.

again it has been pointed out that we represent the two largest Christian bodies in the United States. Please God, we will begin to act more together in facing the many issues changing the Christian conscience in the United States today."

M. Thomas Starkes, head of the Baptist department of interfaith witness, had expressed similar feelings in his closing remarks to the group.

"This has been a quest," Starkes said. "Our task now is to go and permeate a Southern culture and be willing to accept the tentativeness of our theological concepts, together."

Members of both bodies gave suggestions as to positive steps can be taken by Catholics and Baptist on the local level. C. Brownlow Hastings, assistant secretary of the interfaith witness department suggested that priests and pastors seek ways for lay people to have wholesome opportunities for genuine dialogue. He suggested living room dialogues, speaker exchanges and retreats in which participants did the inviting and the conducting. "Let us do our utmost to build bridges of understanding at the lay level," he said.

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Christian Action Commission Elects Officers

THE CHRISTIAN ACTION COMMISSION, meeting in Hattiesburg, elected new officers: Chairman, Rev. Macklyn Hubbell, Cleveland; vice chairman, Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson; secretary, Rev. Bill Nimmons, Starkville. Pictured (from left) front row: Rev. Robert Martin, Ripley; Mr. Nimmons; Dr. Myers; Mr. Hubbell; and Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Jackson. Back row: Rev. Bill Duncan, Brandon; Dr. Fuller Saunders, Jackson; Gerald Kees, Brookhaven; Dr. Graham Hales, Hattiesburg.

burg; Dr. David Owen, Hattiesburg; and Rev. Charles Tope, Biloxi. Absent were Marvin Graham, Mt. Olive and Fred Rogers, Meridian. Glen Perry, convention president, attended the meeting but was absent when the picture was made. The Commission revised its budget to bring it within the allocation goal of \$42,280, adopted plans for one day Regional Bible Exposition emphasis for next January and forwarded plans for the State Family Life Conference in Hattiesburg, Feb. 28-29, 1972.

plan to return to Tennessee to make their home.

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Other officers completing the staff included Frank Durham, who assumed

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## SBC Annuity Board Trustees Pick Layman As Chairman

The body passed a resolution, suggested by the Arkansas-Louisiana joint delegation that during the week immediately following the conference each participant contact a person of the opposite persuasion and share his experiences at the meeting.

Msgr. Bernard Law, director of the Bishops Committee said of the meeting: "I'm filled with anticipation of what this is going to mean in terms of future Roman Catholic-Southern Baptist cooperative efforts. Time and

DALLAS (BP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board elected a layman as their chairman, endorsed several benefit increases and honored three executive officers who retired.

Elected as chairman of the board was Donald E. Bowles, a Dallas insurance executive and first layman to hold the top trustee post in the 53-year history of the Annuity Board.

Bowles succeeds Darold H. Morgan, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, who joins the Annuity Board staff March 1.

The trustees also approved the issuance of the fifth consecutive "13th Check" and the continuation of the four per cent increase in benefits to annuitants henceforth on a guaranteed basis.

R. Alton Reed, president and chief executive officer of the board, said the "13th Check" amounts to 8.33 per cent of the annual benefit paid to annuitants during 1970, except those getting benefits for education, fixed period and variable.

Reed said the four per cent increase in benefits for annuitants is a guaranteed amount as of January 1, 1971. The increase was given for the first time a year ago, Reed said.

The trustees also recognized three officers who retired March 1. The trio are Mrs. Pierce (Mable H.) McCartney, Floyd B. Chaffin and Fred W. Noe. Each was given special employee service plaques and a letter-bound book recording secretary.

Chaffin ended 16 years and retired as senior vice president and assistant to the president. During 1971, Chaffin will serve in an "ambassador-at-large" status, calling on persons who

get benefits from the board.

Chaffin joined the board in 1955. He has held the associate secretary and senior associate secretary posts in the area of development prior to the re-organization of the board in 1970. Before moving to the board, Chaffin served as executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Noe finished 17 years, retiring as senior vice president and assistant to the president. He was in charge of the mortgage loan and real estate area in the investment division. Before joining the board, Noe worked as business officer for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He and his wife

plan to return to Tennessee to make their home.

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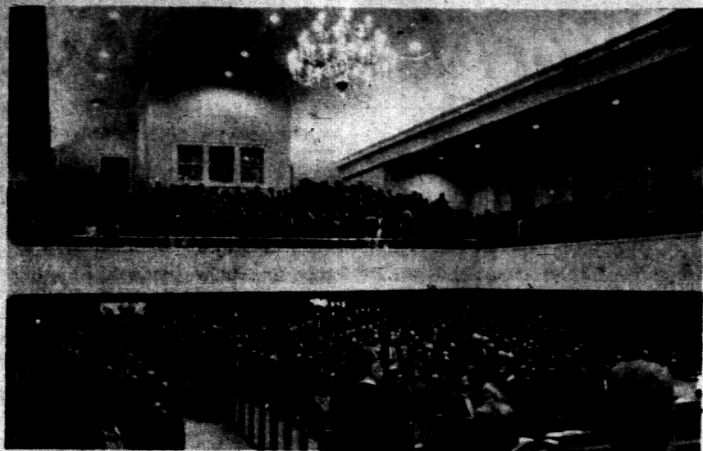
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## The Evangelism Conference Meets At Main Street



The Mississippi Baptist Convention Evangelism Conference met February 1-3 in the beautiful sanctuary of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, Dr. John Barnes, pastor, Rev. Roy Collum is secretary, Department of Evangelism.



Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, Texas, was one of the main speakers.



Mrs. Dawn Gandy of Hattiesburg was one of the soloists.



The Mississippi Baptist Instrumental Ensemble in its musical presentation was directed by Aubrey Gaskin of Tupelo.



The Church Choir, Main Street, Hattiesburg, Bob Jones, director, presented special music.



Glenn Perry, second from left, president, Mississippi Baptist Convention, gives close attention to a speaker.



Women also attended the Evangelism Conference, which carried the theme, "Evangelizing in Openness and Freedom."



Charles Clark, manager, Baptist Book Store, right, shows a book to Robert Nations, minister of music-education at Eastlawn, Pascagoula.

## Baptist, Catholics Meet to Confer

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Claude Broach, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., suggested the group not be disappointed "if we don't go anywhere from here. The meeting is in itself a message," Broach stated.

The North Carolina pastor suggested that ministers cultivate a personal friendship with a clergyman of the other persuasion and develop the kind of openness which allows for growing together. "If we feel this is important we will have to make the time. It will not happen accidentally."

The participants had three small group sessions in which they examined salvation and evangelism, church-state relations and civic righteousness.

The Mississippi-Alabama delegation in its report on civic righteousness stated, "many young people are grappling with the problems of the relation of Christianity to social responsibility and are acting positively to resolve social issues. Unless we can show that institutional religion is concerned with terminal values we shall lose these youth."

The delegation suggested that Christians encourage other Christians to run for public office, work to examine political issues, utilize the mass media and bring political candidates into contact with voters whom they normally would not meet. They also suggested that Christians support men who actively are involved in Christian endeavors and are seeking office, both morally and financially.

Magr. Law commended former SBC President Brooks Hayes for his work in Baptist-Catholic relations. "The history of our relationship can never assess the good this man has done," Law said.

From the pulpit came not only humorous barbs but apologies and pleas for forgiveness for past misunderstandings. Bishop Durick of Nashville, Tenn., Catholic liaison leader with the Southern Baptist Convention urged the group to be united "in the following godly ways: forgiveness for past failure; prayer; work for common unity; becoming more articulate in the knowledge of each other; readiness to do the will of Christ; and openness and seriousness that will avoid easy evasion and will bring us to new understanding and a new commitment."

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (BP) — Growing secularism within society may force Baptists and Catholics to cooperate with each other, a North Carolina Baptist minister told a regional Baptist-Catholic dialogue conference here.

"If God is willing to use both of us for the salvation of the world, we might be willing to lean upon each other for the task," said Cecil Sherman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C.

Sherman and Bishop John L. May, of Mobile, Ala., spoke to about 100 Baptist and Catholic conference participants on the subject, "Salvation, Its Meaning and Relation to Christian Social Responsibility."

The Asheville pastor suggested that since the secular world tends to view Baptists and Catholics as standing under the same umbrella, the two groups might attempt to view each other in like manner.

"I come to this conference with the high hope that Baptists and Catholics are on the same team," Sherman said.

In his presentation, May told the group: "I would hope that we might see what each others' beliefs in salvation mean to the world today."

Both May and Sherman capsuled their views on salvation within the

context of their denominational backgrounds. Although there were points of differences, they generally agreed on salvation's relationship to social responsibility.

"The business of the church," May said, "is to read the signs of the times and apply to the shifting problems of society those unchanging guidelines of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

He cautioned that the church should not neglect the proclamation of the gospel and instead become a platform for airing social grievances; but he also condemned the Christian who retreats, overwhelmed, from the world and its problems with no thought of returning.

Explaining that the converted person has his point of view changed, Sherman added that "a lot of people within Baptist churches don't have a point of view other than that which society forces onto them."

Sherman spoke of members of his own congregation who seem to see no relationship between biblical teachings and social responsibility.

May said that for the Catholic, "serving Christ as Lord means serving people he meets every day."

The bishop described social righteousness as "a moral obligation of Catholics."

"It is not enough to salute Jesus Christ as Lord; this faith must be lived," Bishop May declared.

The Baptist-Catholic conference was sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of interfaith witness, and by the Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The three-day meeting brought together for the first time on a regional basis Catholic and Baptist clergymen who have direct contact with the local congregation.

### Adult Life-Work Lessons To Feature Contemporary Issues

NASHVILLE — "Baptists believe that the Bible offers authoritative guidance not only for faith but also for life," said Robert J. Dean, editor of adult materials at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "Since these issues are a part of life, Christians need to approach them from the Bible's point of view."

"Bible Teachings on Today's Issues" will be the theme for Adult Life and Work Sunday School lessons during July, August and September, 1971.

The four units will be "Bible Teachings on Poverty," "Bible Teachings on Race Relations," "Bible Teachings on War and Peace" and "Bible Teachings on Alcohol." These units of Bible study will not deal with the issues as topics of interest within themselves, nor will they attempt to deal with all the facets of these issues.

"The lessons will major on what the Bible teaches about these issues, since the Sunday School is charged with the task of teaching the Bible and applying its teachings to life," said Dean.

A resource package on "Bible Teachings on Today's Issues" will be available with the literature. The package includes a 48-frame color filmstrip, manual and recording. Also included are four wall posters relating to the units. These materials are designed to be used in a department period to introduce the quarter's studies and to introduce the material in each unit. All items may be ordered on the church literature order form.

## Child Care Executives Meet Set Jackson Feb. 16-18

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Officer and his wife who serves a Southern Baptist home for children and who has been elected to membership.

The organization presently includes Executives and wives from 19 different states, representing 38 different Southern Baptist homes for children and child care agencies. In addition, the organization currently includes 36 honorary members, consisting primarily of retired Executives and wives of deceased Executives.

The purpose of the organization as recited by its Constitution is: "To bring together the executive officers of Southern Baptist Homes for counsel and fellowship and to engage in study and research concerning the

care of neglected and dependent children and to publish and disseminate information that will advance the cause of child care."

Each year, outstanding personalities with special training and quali-

### 1970 Annuals Set For Delivery Mar. 1

The 1970 State Convention annuals will be ready for delivery around March 1, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary.

Several inquiries have been received concerning delivery date of the annuals, Dr. Hudgins said, and with this announcement, everyone may expect delivery about that date.

cations in child care and related areas are brought to the meetings of Child Care Executives for inspiration and information.

However, the primary intent of the organization is that the member-executives should through both research and experience present programs which will represent an exchange of ideas, plans and experiences which have been tested in a home for children which is Southern Baptist-oriented.

Many leaders, consultants and experts in group child care, both in and out of the church field, credit membership of this organization with the most enlightened and progressive ideas and examples of child care

known on the American scene during the past quarter century.

Among other out of state personalities addressing the 1971 Conference will be Dr. Walter Delamarter of the staff of SWTBS in Louisville, Kentucky and Mr. W. L. Crews of the Department of Christian Social Ministries of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

Mr. Crews serves as a consultant and a Child Care Liaison representative between Home Mission Board and Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists. The liaison relationship was first established and perfected in 1969 as the result of almost five years of inquiry and effort by a special Committee of Child Care Executives which is chaired by Paul N. Nunnery, Superintendent of The Baptist Children's Village. Mr. Nunnery will report for the Committee at the 1971 Conference and Mr. Crews will address the meeting on his work as a Liaison representative for Child Care with Home Mission Board.

At the Tuesday evening, February 16 session, member Executives will discuss current and critical issues confronting youth, including problems relating to drug abuse and sex with a distinguished panel which will include a Juvenile Court Judge, a Juvenile Court Counselor, a Child Psychologist, a Social case worker and a Baptist pastor.

### Pastoral Care Seminar Scheduled

NASHVILLE — A pastoral care seminar featuring marriage and crisis counseling will be conducted at the Church Program Training Center, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., April 12-16, 1971.

Designed for pastors, church staff members, and counselors in Christian vocations, the seminar will be led by Albert Cardwell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Macon, Ga.; Everett Barnard, personnel counselor, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board; and C. W. Brister, professor of pastoral care, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

## 'Understanding Heart' Is Needed

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nations and the world," the President declared.

Before the President spoke, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, cited the 23rd Psalm and prayer as one that gives him personal comfort amid the frustrations and complexities of his work.

The Supreme Court Justice concluded his message, outlining the meaning of the 23rd Psalm, by quoting the passage. He said he preferred to end the Psalm after verse 4 with the promise of God's protection.

The annual prayer breakfast is sponsored by the U. S. Senate and House Prayer Breakfast groups, which meet weekly when Congress is in session.

Graham, in a press conference the day before the prayer breakfast, said he came to Washington for this particular meeting but that he would stay here for two weeks to meet with Senators, Congressmen, presidential assistants and other government leaders. Graham's visit with these groups was arranged by leaders of the prayer breakfast movement.

The purpose of Graham's meetings with government leaders, he explained, is to talk about "the need for spiritual renewal in the country... and the necessity for Christian and moral leadership in the land."

The new speaker of the House of Representatives, Carl Albert (D., Okla.), voiced the prayer for national leaders at the breakfast. Albert con-

cluded his prayer with the plea that God would "be so close to the leaders of our nation that a golden age of peace will come upon this land."



### National Prayer Breakfast

WASHINGTON D.C.—Secretary of Labor James D. Hodgson (fourth from left) gives the invocation at the 19th annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. President and Mrs. Nixon (left) joined with about 3,000 guests for the breakfast. Mrs. B. Everett Jordan, wife of the Democratic Senator from North Carolina, is between Mr. Nixon and Mr. Hodgson. Sen. Jordan presided at the breakfast—RNS PHOTO.

WHEN DR. CRISWELL SPOKE, THE CHURCH WAS PACKED. MANY SAT IN THE CHOIR LOFT—



"THE PREACHING IS GREAT, BUT THAT'S THE SEEDIEST-LOOKING CHOIR I'VE EVER SEEN!"



# WMU Plans For Future Include Mission Action Director, Enlargement Director

Woman's Missionary Union's program for the remainder of the decade took shape recently in Birmingham during the WMU Executive Board's annual meeting for 1973-74.

Executive Board members and state WMU staffs scrutinized the recently-launched WMU 70's program, made some changes in the plan, and then approved the basic form for the WMU program for 1973-74.

Work groups made up of state WMU staffs gave the WMU organizations and materials an exhaustive evaluation based on reports from the various states.

As a result of their study, WMU is recommending that churches elect, as they see the need, two additional general WMU officers instead of an assistant WMU director. The new recommendation is effective immediately.

One of the few officers who will be called the mission action director. She will be responsible to the WMU director for coordinating the mission action work of all WMU age groups.

Her work will also relate to the entire church mission action program. She will lead the church, in behalf of WMU, in discovering needs for mission action and in getting the work done. She will see that all WMU mission action work relates effectively to church mission action goals.

If a church does not elect a mission action director (such as in a small church), the WMU director assumes these duties.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of WMU, said that the addition of the mission action officer answers a need for a person who can give full attention to leading WMU in carrying out the church's mission action program.

"Mission action is one of the most penetrating ways a church can evangelize and meet human needs," she said. "WMU is responsible for spearheading mission action for the church. The addition of the WMU mission action director for the church. The addition of the WMU mission action director can help WMU do a better job for the churches."

Mrs. Mathis also said the WMU is working with the Home Mission Board to provide specialized training in evangelism and Christian social ministries via mission action.

The other officer suggested for immediate election in churches is a WMU enrollment and enlargement director. She will be responsible to the WMU director for guiding in enlisting persons in WMU and in enlarging the organization. If a special officer is not elected for this position, the WMU director fulfills these duties.

Mrs. Mathis said this office was created to give special attention to the immediate need for involving more persons in all WMU activities.

The 1973-74 WMU program adopted last week will be almost identical to current plans. "Only a few improvements—things suggested by people who have been using the plans—will be made," said Mrs. Mathis.

In other action, the WMU Executive Board adopted plans for the 1973-74 missions weeks of prayer and outlines for WMU study in 1973-74.



Mississippi WMU leaders talk with Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, about plans for 1973-74 which were approved at the recent WMU Executive Board meet-

ing in Birmingham. Left to right are: Mrs. Vernon May, president; Edwina Robinson, Marjean Patterson, Kay Johnson, Waudine Storey, Frances Shaw, Mrs. Mathis.

## SBC Annuity Board --

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ed his duties as senior vice president and director of investments. Gene P. Daniel, joined the development division in 1970 as vice president in charge of agency services.

Read also presented statistics covering 1970 activities.

He said 38,965 persons were participating in the protection program as of December 31, 1970. Of this total, 24,526 are in Plan A, the basic part of the program which includes all family benefits; 10,541 in Plan B; and 3,898 in Plan C, the variable benefit.

Read said that another 16,374 persons were participating in the health benefit plan while 21,200 are in the life insurance programs.

Read said benefits paid to annuitants reached a record \$8,404,306, an increase of \$1,140,455 over 1969. The 1970 record is larger than was paid in both relief and benefits during the initial 26 years of the board's existence, Read said.

He said funds held in trust for persons participating in the protection program reached an all time high of \$249,510,412, representing an increase of \$19,461,176 over 1969.

Read said persons who began to get benefits during 1970 included 373 for age retirement, 159 for widow and 50 for disability. In addition, 84 children received child benefits; 142 education; and 48 variable benefits.

The trustees also elected to serve who are H. Gordon Hobgood, Jr., Ken Boren, both bank executives from Dallas, and John Basco, Odessa, Tex., pastor.

## Southern Italy Churches Have Prominent Sites

Baptist churches though sometimes small, occupy prominent locations in several communities in southern Italy.

The church in Lentini, population:

35,000, is the largest on the island of Sicily. About 250 members belong to it. It stands on a site on a narrow, busy, one-way street 250 meters from the central town square.

Lentini is between Syracuse and Catania. The building there does not bear any name to identify itself. However, Hebrews 13:8 emblazoned in block letters on the building's orange front indicates it is a church, and not Roman Catholic.

Likewise, the church in Reggio di Calabria does not let the thousands of people who pass it daily shopping, driving automobiles, or riding city buses know what church it is. Only the Greek symbols for Alpha and Omega and a large oil lamp figure over the doorways mark it as a church.

It sits on a corner lot, facing Corso

Garibaldi, the main street. It is surrounded by shops. The shoreline of the Straits of Messina, looking over toward Sicily, is but a short walk away.

The building at Reggio di Calabria, population: 165,000, is only a few years old.

At Syracuse, Sicily, population: 105,000, the church name appears on the building occupied by the church and pastor's apartment. It is only three blocks from the central shopping street and faces the main railway bringing passengers into Syracuse. The seashore is only three blocks away. The church has 25 members.

In Catania, population: 410,000, second largest city of Sicily, the church has a site on a back street among apartment dwellers of modest income. The city center is about a half-kilometer away.

Membership is 150, and the church tells its name in block letters and with a cross over its front door.

## Kelva Moore To Speak At REA

Dr. Kelva Moore, professor of religious education at New Orleans Baptist Seminary, will be one of the visiting speakers at the annual meeting of the State Baptist Religious Education Association, to be held at the Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi Feb. 18-20.

His subjects will be "A Philosophy of Religious Education" and "Improving Staff Relations."

Church secretaries have been urged to attend, as well as religious education workers and leaders, according to Mose Dangerfield, of Biloxi, president.

Dr. Kenneth L. Chafin, director of the Division of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board of Atlanta, will be the key speaker for the meeting, which begins with registration at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 and adjourns at noon on Saturday, Feb. 20. He will speak four times on Friday and Saturday.

## Cartoons By McKeever

Evangelism Conference cartoons in this issue are by Rev. Joe N. McKeever, Minister of Evangelism, First Church, Jackson.



TRIO RETIRES AT ANNUITY BOARD.—Three top executive officers of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board were honored by the trustees on their retirement. Each received an Employee Service Award plaque and a bound book containing letters of congratulations. The trio retiring as of March 1, are Floyd B. Chaffin, left, senior vice president and assistant to the president; Mrs. Pierce (Mable H.) McCartney, secretary of the corporation; and Fred W. Noe, senior vice president and assistant to the president.

## Court Appoints Receiver In Guaranty Bond And Securities Corporation Case

NASHVILLE (BP)—Guaranty Bond and Securities Corp., the nation's second largest church bond firm, has gone into receivership on orders of a federal judge here, who ruled that a court-appointed receiver could best come up with a plan to solve the company's financial problems.

The appointment of John C. Barbour, a Nashville independent financial advisor, as receiver to control Guaranty's business functions, came just three weeks after the court had enjoined Guaranty from doing business while its net capital was less than 1-20th its indebtedness, the minimum required by federal securities regulations.

U. S. District Judge L. Clure Morton approved of a request from an attorney representing a dozen churches, including one Baptist association and four Baptist congregations, to come into the case as additional intervenors or plaintiffs.

About 96 churches are involved in bond programs underwritten by Guaranty, a corporation headed by J. Jere Huey, a prominent Baptist layman. Huey estimated about 40 to 60 per cent of the churches were Baptist congregations.

Guaranty, represented by Attorney Frank S. King, Jr., did not oppose the receiver appointment, but favored it as a means of coming into compliance with the federal net capital requirements.

Earlier King had filed a motion, which was denied by Judge Morton, asking the court for 90 days in which to try to sell \$2½ million in bonds to one to three knowledgeable investors in order to bring the net capital up the 1.20 ratio.

Guaranty has been closed and enjoined from doing business since Jan. 1, when the court ruled it could not operate as long as its net capital was below federal requirements.

During the latest hearing, Huey testified that during the past nine years, Guaranty had placed bond issues for 834 churches and other institutions totalling \$124 million, and had not defaulted on any one of the bonds.

Guaranty's plight was caused primarily by the SEC's method used in computing the company's net capital, which counted as liabilities all bonds held by Guaranty as "open contractual agreements" which Guaranty was to sell for the churches. Guaranty claimed, however, that most of these bonds had been sold from one church account to another and were

not "open contractual agreements" but were assets.

Appointment of a receiver was interpreted here as the first major step toward solving the financial problems facing the church bond firm.

The big question is when and how the receiver will be able to pay off churches which are in the midst of construction programs, but cannot continue without funds which Guaranty has been hold as their bond underwriter.

Under the contracts with the churches, the bonds and the funds received from the sale of bonds were held by Guaranty until a church needed them for construction purposes, at which time Guaranty issued a check to cover the construction.

The attorney who filed on behalf of the dozen churches as "intervenor" in the case, Ed R. Davies of Nashville, said each of the churches he represents is in the construction phase and needs funds which Guaranty is holding in order to pay off obligations to contractors.

Three of the 12 churches had been issued checks by Guaranty before the court injunction on Jan. 6, but a

Nashville bank closed Guaranty's checking account to offset loans totalling \$371,976 it had made to Guaranty, causing the checks to be returned to the churches unpaid.

The 12 churches represented by Davies, an attorney with the firm of Bout, Cummings, Conners and Berry, included the Tampa Bay Baptist Association and Baptist City Mission Board, Inc., an association of 85 churches in Tampa, Fla.; the First Baptist Church of Douglasville, Ga.; Southside Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.; First Baptist Church, Water Valley, Miss.; and First Baptist Church, Panama City, Fla.

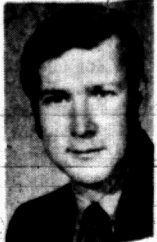
Attorneys representing the SEC, the 12 churches, and the defendants consulted in the judge's chambers and agreed with the court on the appointment of Barbour, a professional financial consultant and former vice president of Equitable Securities in Nashville, as the receiver.

No time table was set on when the receiver's plan for solving the financial dilemma would be recommended to the court. The court order on the receivership indicated that all claims against Guaranty must be filed with the receiver before Sept. 1, 1971.



### LEADERSHIP READINESS CONFERENCES

Tupelo, Greenwood, Jackson, and Hattiesburg will host area Leadership Readiness Conferences on February 22, 23, 24, and 25, with twenty-three Mississippi and Southern Baptist leaders directing the program and leading in conferences. Among these will be Talmadge Butler and Warren Rawles, pictured here.



Butler is a consultant in the Sunday School Board's Music Department and along with Dan Hall of the Mississippi Church Music Department will be leading a conference for all professional and volunteer music directors.

Mr. Rawles is on the staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and will be working with Dr. Foy Rogers in the leadership of the Missions Conference.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins has urged the pastors of the state to secure the attendance of a team of ten workers as a minimum from each church. These would be the pastor, Church Training, Sunday School, WMU, Brotherhood, and Music Directors, Library and Recreation workers, Missions Committee members and a stewardship-foundation representative.

## Foreign Mission --

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appointed in 1960 showed that among regular missionaries, the average age of husbands was 32 and of wives, 30. The average regular missionary family had two children. The average single woman was 29 years of age.

Missionary/associates averaged 45 years of age for both husband and wife. Missionary journeymen averaged 23 years of age.

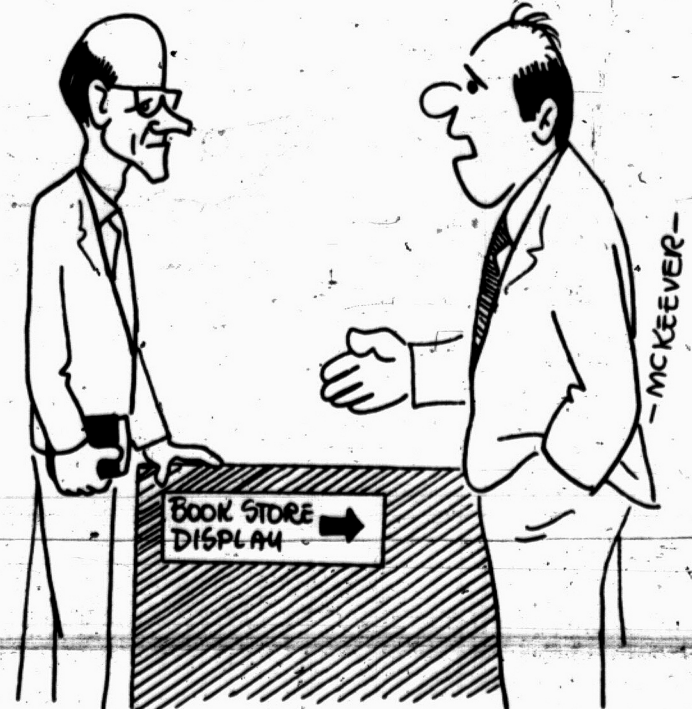
According to Cobbs, the missionaries came from 25 states plus the District of Columbia. Texas led the list with 27, followed by Alabama with 16, Tennessee with 15, Mississippi with 12, and Arkansas, Oklahoma, and South Carolina with 10 each.

Sixty-two of the missionary appointees were graduates of Baptist colleges and universities. Samford led with 11, followed by Baylor with nine, Carson-Newman with seven, Mississippi College and Ouachita Baptist University with five each, and Oklahoma Baptist University with four.

New missionaries were assigned to 39 categories of work, including 46 for general evangelism, 26 for secondary teaching, eight for seminary teaching, six as business managers, 10 as English-language pastors, four physicians and four nurses.

Looking toward 1971 and following, Cobb pointed out that the board's department of missionary personnel is maintaining correspondence with approximately 4,300 young men and women. He said that 2,300 of these are of high school and college age. The remaining 2,000 are in a seminary or graduate school, or they are gaining practical experience.

DR. GORDON SANSING TOLD WHAT ONE LAYMAN SAID OF HIS PASTOR...



"MY PREACHER IS INVISIBLE SIX DAYS OF THE WEEK, AND INCOMPREHENSIBLE ON THE SEVENTH."



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## EDITORIAL

### The SBC And Ecumenism: "Unity" Or "Union?"

We live in a day when the key word of much of "Christendom" appears to be "ecumenism." Never has there been a more widespread or untiring effort to find a way to get "religious" groups together in some type of "union."

The best known ecumenical organizations are the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches, both of which are more or less controlled by groups which would have to be classified as liberal. There also are some active conservative ecumenical groups, even though they are much smaller, and do not wield the broad influence of the larger two.

Recent years have seen numerous books written in support of "Christian unity," and almost always the emphasis for bringing this about seems to be through some type of "union" relationship. The goal appears to be to gather everything that even carries the name "Christian" into one super organization, and some proponents apparently wish to include anything religious, whether it be Christian or not.

Southern Baptists have remained aloof from all of these ecumenical movements, whether they have been liberal or conservative, preferring to carry out their program in Christian "unity" relationships, without the involvements of "union." It seems evident that the vast majority of Southern Baptists wish for this type of relationship to continue.

Our convention, however, has not been overlooked in the drive to enlist all religious bodies in the union movement. On numerous occasions the convention has been approached on the issue, and always it has respectfully but firmly declined to be a participant. Always, however, even as it is true today, some of our number sincerely feel that the convention should become involved in the ecumenical fellowships.

In recent months the Southern Baptist Convention has been mentioned over and over in the efforts of National Council leaders to find a way to enlist non-council denominations in some type of conciliar relationship. At the National Council meeting in Detroit in 1969 the Executive Secretary suggested that some way must be found to enlist the outside groups, and Roman Catholics and Southern Baptists were among those specifically mentioned. A committee was set up at that meeting or a later one, to study means of accomplishing this goal.

In the summer of 1970 "secret" exploratory meetings were held in which leaders of the National Council and leaders of non-member denominations discussed means of working together more closely. (See Christianity Today, Oct. 9, 1970). Southern Baptists were not officially represented in these meetings, although a Southern Baptist leader attended. When reports of the committee which called these meetings were made to the National Council

Executive Committee, and related by the press, it was plainly stated that Southern Baptists were among those whose enlistment was sought.

Late in January the National Council Executive Committee met in Louisville, Ky., and rejected the report of the special committee suggesting a looser organization so that groups such as Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics could be enlisted. However, a further study was requested.

A message by a Roman Catholic bishop, read at the conference, upset some of the ecumenical plans, as it said, in part, "This unity, (Decree of Ecumenism of Vatican II), we believe, dwells in the Catholic Church as something she can never lose and we hope it will continue to increase until the end of time."

"The Catholic Church does have an understanding of herself as possessing the elements of unity willed by Christ for his Church, which are not present to the same degree in other Christian churches and ecclesiastical communities..." This speech did not help in efforts to pass the committee's report.

In Daytona Beach, Florida, about the same time, a meeting was held involving about 50 Southern Baptist pastors and leaders, and 50 Roman Catholic leaders, in which ecumenical relationships were explored. This meeting was sponsored by a department of the Home Mission Board and a Roman Catholic group, and is reported fully in this issue of the Record.

While charges that there is now underway an effort to bring about "union" of Southern Baptists with other groups, would be premature and ungrounded, at the same time it cannot be overlooked that proposed closer working relationships eventually could lead into "union" movements rather than mere "unity."

Southern Baptists always have had unity with other Christians, and always have had a Christian spirit toward other Christian and religious groups. This has been especially true at the level of the local church, but also has been the spirit of the denomination. At the same time most of the churches and the denomination have refused to become involved in union entanglements.

It is our conviction that this spirit of unity, and not union, will prevail as the program of the convention and of the large majority of the churches. Southern Baptists have no intention of becoming involved in the National Council, the World Council, or any other conciliar group. Any effort to move the convention toward such movements will meet with overwhelming defeat.

The argument that Southern Baptist witness is needed in world religious circles, and can be achieved only by conciliar action, is without foundation. We do not have to be a member of any kind of religious group for our

voice to be heard. As the largest evangelical denomination in the nation, we will be heard, if we are continuing an effective, uncompromising witness. If that voice is not being heard, why are National Council leaders so anxious to involve us?

Let other denominations compromise their message and relinquish some of their freedoms if they will, but let Southern Baptists continue to be a strong evangelical voice, working in full unity with every person who is a fellow Christian through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the unity for which our Lord prayed in the 17th chapter of John. He did not mention any other kind.

### Now To The Doing Of It!

The annual evangelistic conference is over. We went, we heard, we were stirred, and we resolved! This must have been the feeling of almost every person who attended. The program was outstanding. The speakers spoke to us of our relationships to God, the task he has given us, and of why and how we should do it. Many of us who sat in the sessions felt the Spirit of God speaking to our own hearts, and we saw our own shortcomings in the area of Christian witness. Resolves arose within us, that we would do differently when we got back home.

Now the time has come for the "doing" of it! The evangelistic task is not accomplished by sitting in a great conference and feeding our souls on rich spiritual food. Evangelism is back on the church field, out where the people are.

In every community in Mississippi there are people who are bound down by cords of sin which can only be broken by the power of God through the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. There are homes that need help. There are individuals young and old, who need to hear of God's redemption. The church must carry the message of Christ to them if it is to be carried, and the pastor must lead the way. Deacons, Sunday school teachers, and other Christians, young and old can be witnesses. We have dallied in this most important of all Christian tasks long enough. Why should not all of us put the challenge of the recent conference into action now?

Why not ask God to lay some soul upon your heart this very week and begin that personal witness now? May we suggest that you begin to pray today, "Lord, lay some soul upon my heart, and win that soul through me."



### The Greatest Of Possible Transitions

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

### N. Dakota Church Needs Assistance

Dear Friends in Christ,  
We know you will rejoice with us that Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Gordon of Belfield, N.D. have united with our church. They were with us last night for prayer meeting which is remarkable when you consider it is 26 miles one way and the temperature was 14 degrees below 0.

We had 11 children for church school Wednesday afternoon and one of the children's parents came to prayer meeting that night.

We received three boxes of clothes from the Indians yesterday and we will be taking them this Sunday—the Lord willing. I started out for the Reservation last Sunday but never made it. I got stuck in the snow, and it took me an hour to get out so I headed home. When the wind is strong it is hard to see. They say it never snows in North Dakota—it snows in South Dakota and Canada and the wind just blows it back and forth.

We are still without a mimeograph so continue to pray with us about this. We are still unable to pay our property note. We received a rather stern note about it last week from the Home Mission Board. The note includes 8% interest and is well secured so if we have to give up the property they won't lose anything. We sincerely wish we were able to pay it, but after the Pastor is paid and the bills there never seems to be \$100.00 left.

Our little church gave Mr. and Mrs. Berry \$30.00 last week to buy food. They have four small children and he has been laid off his job as printer with the local paper when the paper was sold recently to another party. They have been given three days notice to move out of their house. We would like to help them more but it is impossible. The church utility bills, real estate taxes, insurance, building note and Pastor's salary total \$746.08. At present we have \$137.00 on hand.

We have been encouraged by many people who tell us that they have read our column in the paper. Please pray with us that God will allow us to continue on in the work here.

Tom Gray, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Dickinson, N.D., 58601

permanent re-entry when he has settled in his own trajectory. Hopefully, not too far from yours.

#### Epilogue

If I ever have an ulcer it will be from eating words. Less than two weeks after I wrote this profound philosophy last spring, based on close observation of the fine young folks in our town, our two oldest announced they were ready to see how they look with longer hair. So, while you're reading these words, I am cutting them, avoiding a full glance at the two shocks of hair roaming in and out of our house. Children are such blessings.

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#### NEWEST BOOKS

### New Conservative One Volume Bible Commentary Available

**THE NEW BIBLE COMMENTARY: REVISED** edited by Guthrie, Motyer, Stibbs and Wiseman (Eerdmans, 1316 pp., \$12.95). One volume commentaries long have been available, and, like larger multi-volume works, vary from the purely critical to the wholly devotional. Limitations of space effect the one-volume commentary so that it necessarily cannot provide the material of the larger sets. Nevertheless, one-volume commentaries can be of inestimable value both to the preacher and to other students of the word of God. This is one of the latest and best. Although it is a revision of an edition first published in 1953, this book has been largely rewritten and includes numerous new articles and much new material. The book is concise, but both the articles and expositions are full enough to provide broad assistance to the student of the Bible. Concerning this particular commentary we read its purpose as stated as follows: "The chief aims of the New Bible Commentary are to make the meaning of the text plain to the average reader, to meet the widespread demand among serious students of the Bible for an up-to-date treatment of the text characterized by an unqualified belief in its divine inspiration, essential historical trustworthiness and positive Christian usefulness, and to present the fullest exposition of the text possible within the scope of a one-volume work." That the editors and authors have achieved their aims in a remarkable manner is evident to any student who carefully considers the material in the book. This is not a devotional commentary such as Matthew Henry, yet it provides many devotional suggestions. However, its value is not so much in this as in its providing the meaning of words, sentence paragraphs and sections of each book of the Bible. Readers will not necessarily agree with every interpretation, but will recognize that these words are written by men

who believe the scriptures, recognize them as inspired of God, and are seeking to understand what God is saying to men. We recommend the volume to preachers, Sunday school teachers, and others seeking up-to-date scholarly material written by men of known conservatism.

**STUDYING ADULT LIFE AND WORK LESSONS** by Herschel H. Hobbs (Convention Press, paperback, 118 pp.) This book contains expository treatment of each Life and Work Sunday school lesson for the quarter, April-June, 1971. Each lesson features an examination of background materials and of basic Scripture passages and an outline. Greek and Hebrew words are explained, the central teaching of the lesson is clarified, as its truth applied to life.

**LIKE IT IS TODAY: PARAPHRASED PARABLES** by Richard Milham (Broadman, 128 pp., Broadman Readers' Plan \$1.50) The Parables of Jesus are well known to most. But because the words are so familiar, the true meaning is often lost. The author, pastor of Powers Drive Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla., uses a unique device in this book that compels his readers to think—he rephrases these timeless parables into today's language. The result may be pleasing or alarming, but is always thought-provoking.

**THE REPUTATION OF A CHURCH** by G. Avery Lee (Broadman, 128 pp., Broadman Readers' Plan, \$1.50) Using examples from New Testament churches, Dr. Lee illustrates various church problems (materialism, social conformity, spiritual apathy, etc.). The evident correlation to contemporary problems

is discussed in each case. Thus, this book offers a practical, biblical approach to helping today's church gain and maintain the positive type of reputation needed for spreading the gospel. Dr. Lee is pastor of the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.

**PAUL'S JOY IN CHRIST**, Studies in Philippians by A. T. Robertson (Baker, 265 pp., paperback, \$2.95)

Each chapter treats a section of the Epistle to the Philippians—explaining it, illustrating it, and applying the Biblical text to daily living. Robertson, one time Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Southern Seminary, is author of many books. This reprint brings one of his best ones back into availability.

**COME, FILL THE CUP** by Lee Bryant (Word Books, 297 pp., \$4.95) This is the sensitively and frankly written true story of an artistic woman who searched for escape from the vacuum of her life, but who found each route a dead-end street, for the routes she took were drugs, liquor, gay parties. Then an unassuming minister's wife led her with patience and love to a moment of confrontation with God and commitment to Him. The story does not end there. Can her faith stand up against the attraction of evil? Can she live with her own explosive nature and with "dull Christians"? The outcome is surprising and unforgettable.

**RED LIKE MINE** by Yvonne Lehman (Zondervan, \$3.50, 155 pp.) Here is a novel about a young girl in her senior year at a California university, and the issues she faces.



# Dr. R. G. Lee Points To The Achievements Of Older Folk

By Robert G. Lee, D.D.  
Pastor Emeritus, Memphis Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee

On my birthday — my eighty-fourth — November 11, 1970 — a friend asked me: "Are you going to keep on preaching after eighty-four?" I answered: "Why not? I am physically able, mentally sound, spiritually desirous, and in love with Jesus. Why not keep on preaching as I have done for sixty-two years?"

The clamor against old age in nearly all the activities of the world is senseless and unjust. Dr. Ossler expressed the opinion that the most effective work of the world is done between the ages of twenty-five and forty. How much in error Dr. Ossler is!

Mr. Newman Darland, a scholar of accepted standing made an analysis of the lives and achievements of four hundred foremost characters of history. The analysis showed that nearly eighty percent of the world's greatest

"MORE PREACHERS OUGHT TO PUT MORE FIRE IN THEIR SERMONS, OR MORE OF THEIR SERMONS IN THE FIRE."



## Devotional

### Can One Be Saved Without Repenting?

By Joe N. McKeever, Minister of Evangelism, 1st, Jackson

Text: "... except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." — Luke 13:3-5

"Just believe," that's all. According to hundreds of church members today, there you have God's eternal plan of salvation reduced to its simplest formula. There is a tremendous problem involved here, however. The word "believe" today does not mean to the average person what it meant when Jesus used the word in John 3:16. To most of us it means "to give assent to something." The math teacher says, "1000 plus 1000 equals 2000. Do you believe this?" "Believe" here means "Do you agree that this thing is so?" Who cares what effect it has on your life!

When Jesus said "Believe on the Son," He meant a total reversal of one's life and a wholehearted commitment to Christ and His way.

Many of our good evangelists have said through the years, "You can't get a man saved until you get him lost!" And they're right. This is precisely the point Jesus was making when He said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all... perish." No one will repent until he realizes his sinful condition. And no one can be saved until he repents.

Millions of church members are lost. Most of our spiritual leaders are concerned about this. Where have we gone wrong? One of our primary errors is we have failed to teach that people must be under Holy Spirit conviction because of their sin, be willing to turn from their sin, and apologize to God for their sin. That's repentance.

Repentance is not all there is to salvation. After repenting one should ask Christ into his heart as his full-time Lord and Saviour. It is through the indwelling Lord that he is regenerated.

Thus we emphasize: one is not saved by repentance; but one is not saved without repentance.

### True Love For Christ

The papers recently carried an interesting article regarding the efforts of a suitor to win the heart and hand of a woman by showering her with costly gifts — only to lose her in the end!

On a Wednesday she received a bundle of record albums of love songs in the mail.

On Thursday a bouquet of flowers three feet wide came to her door.

On Friday, a 500-word telegram.

On Saturday, a big newspaper ad.

On Sunday, a 12-page love letter.

On Monday, two 30-second radio commercials asking for her hand in marriage!

She seemed impressed and expressed shock that he should spend so much on the radio advertisements, etc. (over \$500); but still there was no response from her!

Doubtless there are women who would say "Yes" to a proposal of marriage, if such gifts were offered them. On the other hand, there are many whose love and companionship

figures closed active lives' between fifty and eighty; twenty-five percent continuing beyond seventy; twenty-two and one-half percent beyond eighty and six percent beyond ninety.

Consider what has been done by men beyond eighty:

Titian, master of Venetian painting, produced some of his most wonderful canvasses after eighty, painting his famous "Battle of Lepanto" at ninety-eight.

Fonelle, versatile man indeed; Cornaro, the great disciple of temperance; Pope XIII, John Adams, Theophrastus, strode into the nineties with intellectual vigor unimpaired.

Socrates was eighty when he took up the study of music. Cato was eighty when he learned Greek. Tennyson was eighty-three when he composed "Crossing the Bar."

When eighty-three, Gladstone, for the fourth time, became Prime Minister of Great Britain. At eighty-eight, Loewenhock discovered blood corpuscles, "infusoria, spermatozoa, etc." At eighty-eight, Bancroft was writing deathless history. Michael Angelo at eighty-nine executed his "Last Judgment" — perhaps the most famous

### BMC Sponsors Hamlet

On Monday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Garrett Auditorium, The National Shakespeare Company of New York will present its production of "Hamlet," best known of Shakespeare's plays. The box office success of this great tragedy must be due to the sympathy which all people feel for the Prince, for Hamlet epitomizes the duality that exists in each of us — the struggle between reason and emotion.

THE TRAGEDY OF HAMLET, PRINCE OF DENMARK, is sponsored by Blue Mountain College.

Tickets are available at the college business office. Adults will pay \$2.00, and all students will pay \$1.00.

single picture in the world.

Von Moltke, in full uniform at eighty-eight, was chief of staff of the Prussian army. John Wesley preached with almost undiminished eloquence at eighty-eight — closing at that remarkable age, the most remarkable career of his time, travelling two hundred and fifty thousand miles in an age that knew neither electricity nor steam, delivered four thousand sermons, wrote hundreds of volumes.

Edison was still inventing at ninety. Wright, at ninety, was considered a most creative architect. Shaw was still writing plays at ninety. Grandma Moses began painting at seventy-nine. See Talleyrand and Thomas



### 1st Church, Philadelphia Burns Note

First Church, Philadelphia, observed a "Note-burning Ceremony" at its morning worship service on Sunday, February 7. It marked the full payment of the debt on the new sanctuary of the church, which was erected in 1964-65 during the pastorate of Rev. Roy Collum, now director of the Department of Evangelism for the state convention. Participating in the ceremony were chairman of deacons, Hugh Carter, who burned the photograph of the note; Marion Perry, chairman of the Building Committee when the new building was erected, who gave a report of the history of the erection of the building; and A. D. Harbour, financial secretary of the church, who led the prayer. After the ceremony the congregation sang the Doxology. Shown in the photograph, left to right, are A. D. Harbour, Hugh Carter, Vernon Gamblin (treasurer), Marion Perry, and Herman Alford (trustee when building was erected). The debt on the building was paid in five and one-half years, nine and one-half years ahead of schedule.

# SCRAPBOOK

## Washington's Virtues

The character of Washington may want some of those poetical elements which dazzle and delight the multitude, but it possessed fewer inequalities and a rarer union of virtues than perhaps ever fell to the lot of one man. Prudence, firmness, sagacity, moderation, an overruling judgment, an immovable justice, courage that never faltered, patience that never wearied, truth that disdained all artifice, magnanimity without alloy.

The fame of Washington stands apart from every other in history, shining with a truer luster and a more benignant glory. With his memory remains a national property, where all sympathies throughout our widely extended and diversified empire meet in unison. Under all dissensions and amid all the storms of party, his precepts and example speak to us from the grave with a paternal appeal; and his name — by all revered — forms a universal tie of brotherhood, a watchword of our Union — Washington Irving.

## Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln... who was at home and welcome with the humblest, and with a spirit and a practical vein in the times of terror that commanded the admiration of the wisest. His heart was as great as the world, but there was no room in it to hold the memory of a wrong.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson (1876)

## Valentine Legend

Among the many legends about Valentine's Day is the one that says that birds choose their mates on February 14. Chaucer wrote of this legend in *Birds' Rondeau*, in his *Parlement of Foules* (1380-1386):

Now welcome, summer, with thy sunshine soft,  
This wintry weather thou wilt overtake,  
And drive away the night so long and black!

Saint, Valentine, thou who art crowned aloft,  
The little birds are singing for thy sake:  
Now welcome, summer, with thy sunshine soft;  
This wintry weather thou wilt overtake.

They have good reason to be glad, and oft,  
Since each has found his mate in bush and brake.  
O blissfully they sing when they awake:  
Now welcome, summer, with thy sunshine soft,  
This wintry weather thou wilt overtake,  
And drive away the nights so long and black!

## Verse Of The Week

And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three, but the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13).

## February Birthdays

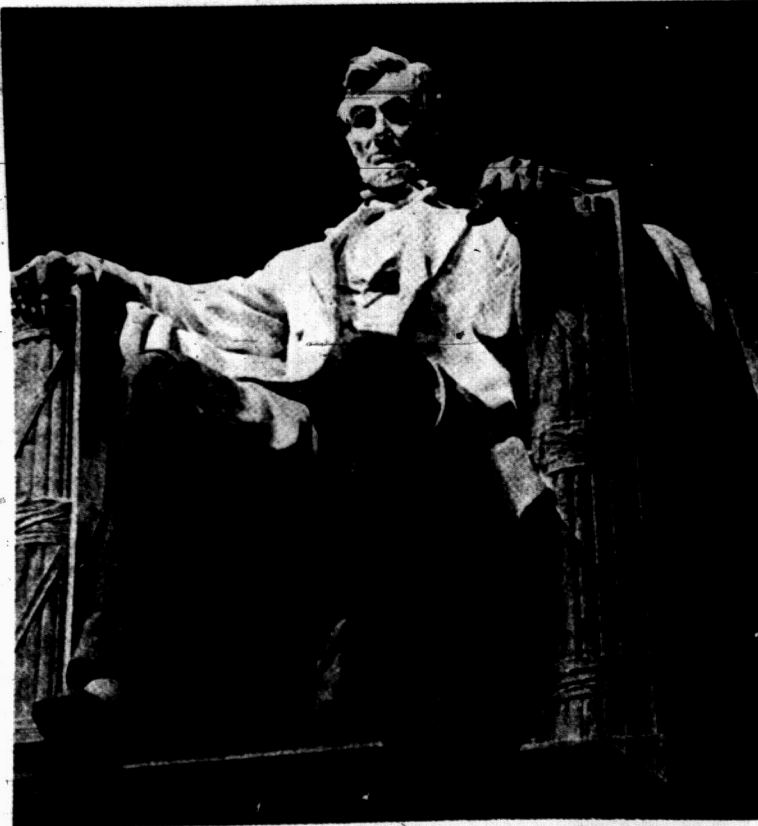
- February 1, 1862 — The Battle Hymn of the Republic published anonymously in the Atlantic Monthly.
- February 4, 1902 — Charles A. Lindbergh, American aviator, born at Detroit, Michigan.
- February 8, 1902 — Simon Willard received a patent on a banjo clock.
- February 10, 1932 — First international ski tournament held at Lake Placid, New York.
- February 11, 1812 — Massachusetts Governor Gerry's passage of a redistricting bill started the term "gerrymander."
- February 16, 1857 — First school for higher education of the deaf, National Mute College, was opened.
- February 20, 1792 — President George Washington signed first comprehensive postal law.
- February 23, 1905 — Rotary International organized in Chicago by Paul P. Harris.
- February 27, 1807 — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow born at Portland, Maine.
- February 28, 1787 — Pittsburgh Academy founded (became University of Pittsburgh in 1908).

## Famous Bible Couples: Who Were They?

1. This man worked fourteen years for this woman.
2. This man was at war with the Philistines and they were losing until they secured a woman as an ally. It didn't take her long to defeat him.
3. This woman was made from this man's rib.
4. This woman gleaned grain from this man's field before they were married.
5. This man and woman took their first son to the temple to be brought up and to minister there.
6. This man and woman were parents of a king known for his great wisdom.
7. Their only child was born when she was past 90 and he was 100.
8. When they first met, she drew water for his camels.

### Answers:

1. Jacob and Rachel
2. Samson and Delilah
3. Adam and Eve
4. Ruth and Boaz
5. Hannah and Elkanah
6. David and Bathsheba
7. Abraham and Sarah
8. Isaac and Rebekah



### "Let Us Have Faith That Right Makes Might"

"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith, let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."

—Abraham Lincoln

## For Your Valentine's Day Consideration—How Can I Know I'm In Love?

By Russell M. McIntire,  
Pastor, First, Clinton

In a college church, a pastor is asked this question literally hundreds of times by students in each college generation. Through the years there has been evolved from these counselling experiences a little test that has been shared with a host of young people. Perhaps it will help you if you find yourself seeking the Lord's will in this most important decision of finding life's partner.

Let me begin by saying that love is basically a commitment of life to another, and I believe therefore that you can fall in love with whom you want to fall in love. The song writers and motion picture writers do not agree. To them love is some sort of reaction which cannot be controlled or directed. It is my conviction that you should fall in love with your head as well as your heart. How sad it is that too often young people become physically attracted to one another, and even physically involved, before they ever put their brains into gear to think about what kind of husband or wife, or father or mother, either

of them would be.

One other thing—just because two people are in love doesn't mean that they should marry. One of them might already be married to someone else; or one might be a lazy individual with low ideals and no goals in life; or one might even be approaching alcoholism. No, just because you are in love doesn't mean you should marry. You might be too young to really be ready for marriage, or perhaps need to first finish your education.

How can you tell if you are in love? Answer correctly and sincerely the following questions. They are not as simple as they appear. Study them carefully — each question is loaded with meaning and implication.

1. Does he (or she) offer me the kind of life I want? (Socially, morally, vocationally, religiously.)
2. Would I be proud to introduce him (or her) as my mate? (After the glow of the honeymoon, marriage is a mutual admiration society.)
3. Would I want my children to call him daddy (or her mother)?

4. Do we share the same spiritual goals and ideals? (Your faith is needed most in crisis times. It is important for you to be together here.)
5. Would I want to look at him (or her) across the breakfast table for the rest of my life? (Have your pictures taken when you first get up in the morning and exchange them. Put the picture on the other side of the breakfast table. If a month later

you can still swallow you may have the real thing.)

Are you really in love? Remember, puppy love leads to a dog's life. Love at first sight may simply mean that he's in love and she's a sight!

This is one of the greatest decisions of your life. Seek God's leadership earnestly. Conduct yourself during your courtship in such a way that you can honestly kneel before the Lord on your wedding night and thank God for leading you together and ask His blessings on the home you have established in His name.



# William Carey To Host Dr. Chester Swor For Spiritual Enrichment Week In March

William Carey College will host Dr. Chester Swor March 8-12 for a very special "Spiritual Enrichment Week," according to officials of the college.



"Dr. Swor, popular youth speaker and conference leader, will spend the week dealing with students in face-to-face confrontations and in small dialogue sessions," commented President J. Ralph Noonkester. "His primary concern will be to relate himself as needed to the students during the week in serious and intimate dis-

cussions of spiritual matters rather than 'speaking at them' from a platform situation."

"I know of no man of his generation who speaks the language of youth as well today as does Dr. Swor," commented Dr. Noonkester. "He is loved and appreciated by young people everywhere. We look forward to his sharing his busy time with us."

Mrs. Marjorie Rowden has been named chairman of a special faculty committee charged with arranging the week's schedule so as to include informal sessions for Dr. Swor with both students and faculty. Also on her committee are: Dr. David Grunchy, Dr. Lillian Wiedenhamer, Mrs. Shir-

ley-Everett, and Dr. Milton Wheeler. A faculty forum and tea hour has already been planned for Monday afternoon, March 8, in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Noonkester. Dr. Swor will appear in Hattiesburg area churches at both services on Sunday, March 7, and again on Wednesday evening, March 10.

A native of Mississippi, Dr. Swor holds the bachelor degree from Mississippi College, the master's degree from the University of North Carolina, has done additional graduate studies in counseling at Columbia University, Oxford University, New York University, and at the Jung Institute Library in 1967.

He has been presented four honorary doctorates: the L.H.D. from Baylor University, the LL.D. from Mississippi College, Litt. D. from William Carey College, and the HH.D. from Blue Mountain College.

Formerly the dean of men and assistant professor of English at Mississippi College, Dr. Swor is now engaged in full-time religious lecturing and counseling. He averages 25,000 miles a year in his travels from one engagement to another. A prolific writer as well as a speaker, he has authored six books, with a total of 38 printings.

## "El Greco" To Be Shown On Television Feb. 14

"El Greco," a documentary on the life and works of the famed artist produced by the Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission in cooperation with the ABC Television Network, will be shown Sunday, February 14, 1:00-1:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

A selected showing of the paintings of El Greco against the background of late and choral music of the artist's period highlights the production.

El Greco's paintings reflect not only the crisis of the 16th Century, but the personal philosophy of the artist. For

three centuries they were regarded as being "too intense, jarring, distorted, ritual aberrations" by art critics. Today, when traditional concepts of art are being shaken, his works are being rediscovered and found to be relevant.

The Texas Boys Choir, directed by George Brag, and the Men's Ensemble of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary will perform selections of choral music by Tomas Louis DeVictoria, a contemporary of El Greco. "El Greco" was written by Terry E. Howard and narrated by Hurd Hatfield. Wiley Rance is executive producer of the "Directions" series.

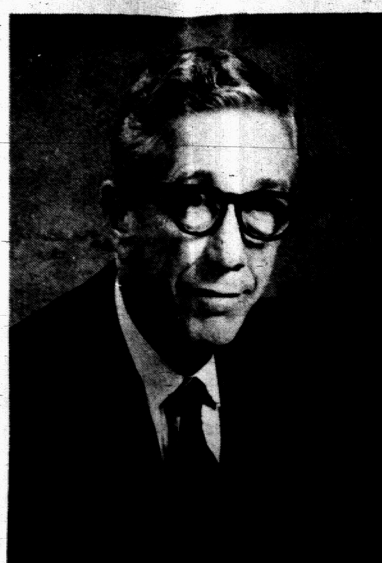
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February 22 12:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
West Jackson Street Church, Tupelo

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## PURPOSES

To provide a specific, publicized, and scheduled opportunity for church leaders to communicate personally with appropriate program organization, program service, and program emphasis consultants about any matter of concern relating to 1970 program and materials.

To present the suggested procedure and materials for the church Planning-Training-Launching Plan recommended for the churches by Southern Baptist Convention programs for the fall of 1971.

To offer a training opportunity for church council members which will seek to provide motivation for their effective functioning during the current year and for their effective planning for growth and expansion during the year ahead.

## AGENDA

### Personal Consultations

From 12:30 until 2:00 p.m. and from 5:45 until 6:45 p.m. (except for the Jackson meeting) any individual who desires to communicate personally with any of the program leaders present about any matter of concern relating to 1970 program and materials may schedule such a conference. All of the conference leaders listed elsewhere in this material will be available for personal conferences during these two time periods.

### FIRST SESSION

#### For Pastors and Church Staff Members

Note: The times listed in parentheses are for the morning and afternoon sessions in Jackson only. The major presentations during the first session and the theme interpretation in the second session will be assigned to those Southern Baptist Convention program and service leaders who will be present.

2:00 Welcome and Introductions  
(9:00)

Prayer ..... Host Pastor

Hymn ..... Dan C. Hall, Director, Mississippi Church Music Department

2:20 God's Hands In Today's World (Audiovisual presentation on 1971-72 critical issues)  
(9:20)

2:40 Critical Issues: 1971-72 (A symposium presenting critical issues and planning resources to be provided by programs and services)  
(9:40)

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| (1) Evangelism              | (4) Family ministry           |
| (2) Cooperative Program     | (5) Church vocations          |
| (3) Ethics and moral issues | (6) A challenge to evangelize |

3:40 Break  
(10:40)

4:00 Overview of Church Planning-Training-Launching Plan for 1971-72 (a panel presentation)  
(11:00)

4:45 Discussion, Summarization, Evaluation  
(11:45)

5:00 Adjourn  
(12:00)

### SECOND SESSION

6:45 Music and Meditation  
(2:15)

7:00 Theme Interpretation: "Living the Spirit of Christ in Expectancy and Creativity."  
(2:30)

7:30 Conferences:  
(3:00)

PASTORS AND CHURCH STAFF: William Halbert, Sunday School Board; Otis Williams, Home Mission Board; W. Douglas Hudgins, Roy Collum, and Leon Emery, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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9:30 Adjourn  
(5:00)



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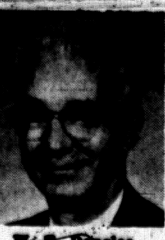
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# Humility - An Ideal For The Christian And An Absolute Necessity In Prayer

By Clifton J. Allen  
 Luke 14:7-11; 18:9-14

The parables of Jesus help us to see ourselves, both as we are and as God wants us to be. This is particularly true of the two parables we study in this lesson, one about seeking the chief seats and the other about the prayers of a Pharisee and a publican. Jesus knew the depth of human weakness with respect to pride, the subtle and destructive nature of pride, and the ruinous effect of pride in one's relationship with God. Jesus, therefore, spoke the parables which we are to study to hold up the virtue of humility as an ideal for the Christian and as an absolute necessity in the experience of prayer.

**The Lesson Explained**  
**CHIEF SEATS BY INVITATION**  
 (14:7-11)

Jesus was often an invited guest for a meal in a home. And now he was invited to dine in the home of a ruler,

one of the Pharisees. Alert to every good teaching opportunity, and observing some of the "social climbers" rushing in to claim the seats of honor, Jesus spoke this parable marked by humor and profound spiritual insight. In those days, as often now, the guests of greater prominence were given the seats of greater honor. It is, both foolish and embarrassing to claim a seat of honor and then have to yield this to a person of greater prominence. It is better to take a lower place and then be invited by the host to a place of distinction.

Jesus was really teaching a principle to guide the Christian. A Christian ought not to be under the control of pride. To seek constantly for recognition and praise or to grab brazenly a place of honor or prominence shows that one is essentially controlled by selfishness. This is the opposite of the Christian spirit. And yet, the Christian, because of human weakness and because of Satan's temptation, is constantly subject to the snare of pride. In the church places of leadership are not to be sought for vainglory. In relationships

with other persons the Christian is not to seek selfishly for praise or recognition or for places of prominence. He is simply not to be self-centered.

**SELF-PRaise IN PRAYER** (18:9-14)

On this occasion, Jesus observed persons who were proud of their self-righteousness and who looked down on other persons. He therefore spoke the parable to teach the folly and sin of a self-righteous spirit and also to teach a proper spirit in prayer. The first example was negative, a self-righteous Pharisee pictured as going to the Temple to pray, but his prayer was "with himself." Though he addressed God, and we may assume with the pretense of reverence, he had no praise or gratitude to offer to God; he had nothing he wanted from God. He really was boasting about himself to God, how pious and religious he was, how honest and chaste and generous he was. The Pharisee's prayer shows that he was self-righteous through and through. His spirit of pride finds its counterpart in multitudes of modern worshippers. This spirit of self-praise is

heard in so many sermons, so many denominational assemblies, and so many conversations on the part of Christians. The greater peril for Christians is the fact that their self-righteousness and pride shuts God out and deprives them of God's forgiveness and God's help.

**PENITENCE BEFORE GOD**  
 (18:13-14)

The publican—what a contrast! As a tax collector, he was hated and despised by his own people; to them he was both traitor and outcast. But he dared to come to the Temple to pray. Conscious of his unworthiness and sinfulness, stricken with an overwhelming sense of his need of God's grace and forgiveness, and so conscience-stricken that he beat his breast in grief, the publican cried out, "God be merciful to me a sinner!" The publican wanted nothing so much as God's forgiveness. He would not boast of what he had done or had not done. His prayer was pleasing to God. And the tribute of Jesus was that he went home a changed person, justified before God. The miracle of grace operated in his heart. He humbled him-

self, and God exalted him. Because of his humility, he was counted by God worthy of the blessing for which he prayed.

**Truths to Live By**

A Christian must learn to think right about himself.—The Christian is to achieve a self-image as a child of God, as a responsible individual, as one called to something of utmost importance in the sight of God. But always the Christian is to think of himself as being a trophy of Christ's saving work, as not deserving salvation but receiving it solely as God's free gift, and as owning everything he is or can become to Jesus Christ. This means that there is no room for pride, no room for grasping for places of honor and distinction, and no room for ever thinking boastfully of one's faithfulness or attainments.

Self-pushing can never take the place of real worth.—The person who pushes himself into a place of honor or responsibility can never overcome a feeling of insecurity. He may cover it up, but it is still there. He knows that he is in his place by manipulation or by taking advantage of others or by deception. He is not there be-

cause his own integrity and worth placed him there. Pride that impels self-seeking for position and prominence will surely defeat itself in things pertaining to the Christian life. But true worth which has come through unselfishness, self-discipline, training, and faithful performance of responsibility will cause one to be confident in Christ.

Humility is a prerequisite for prayer.—How can any person dare to approach God apart from humbling of spirit? No person can dare to draw near to God, the holy One, of ineffable light and infinite wisdom and absolute sovereignty, without remembering that he comes to a throne of grace. The approach to God therefore must be with humility of spirit, with penitence for sin and desire for mercy, and with trust in the lovingkindness of God. Without such a spirit, one's prayer becomes presumption and self-righteous pretense. But with the spirit of the publican, the meek sinner or the despairing saint can come to God with boldness, assured that he will receive the blessing most needed from the God of power and grace.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Blind Man Is Cured By The Light Of The World

By Bill Duncan  
 John 9:1-41

Recently I attended a meeting where there was present a blind man with his seeing-eye dog. These animals fascinate me.

Several times in the meeting I caught myself looking at the dog and wanting to pet it. The very famous Dr. W. A. Criswell was speaking and the dog's master was listening with real interest.

But the dog was asleep. The man admired the message but the dog was limited in what he could understand. What is blindness? A person may be able to see but not understand the sign.

The Pharisees were able to see that the man who had been blind could now see, that a miracle had been performed, but they condemned Jesus and the man. They condemned anyone whose idea of religion was not theirs. They thought that their way was the only way of serving God. To the Pharisees, medical attention could be given on the Sabbath if life was in

actual danger and then to keep the patient from getting worse. It must not make him any better. The man who was blind was in no danger of his life. Therefore, Jesus broke the Sabbath when he healed him. One thing is clear by Barclay that there was a law forbidding as to the fasting sabbath: it is not lawful to put it so much as upon the eyelid.

The rules and details that the scribes and Pharisees sought to honor were shown by Jesus to be fantastic and irrelevant. In the eyes of the Pharisees, Jesus was guilty of breaking the Sabbath.

The miracle came to give an opportunity of showing what God can do. This was a sign of the glory and the power of God. Any suffering is a God-given opportunity to demonstrate the glory, the power, the grace of God in a life. The times for showing God's glory is always in the now. The method of the miracle used the custom of that time. Spittle may seem to be repulsive but in the ancient world it was believed to possess certain curative qualities and especially the spittle of a famous person. Jesus gained the confidence of the patient and then sent him to wash in one of the land-

marks of the city, the Pool of Siloam. The man strongly declared that, a miracle had taken place by a man named Jesus.

Jesus was able to break through the barriers of unbelief in the life of the man born blind. At first he said the man Jesus opened mine eyes. Then as a witness he said Jesus is a prophet (v. 17). Finally the man came to confess that Jesus was the Son of God. He knew that Jesus did things beyond human power to do. The more we know about Jesus the greater he becomes. The more that the blind man believes in Jesus, the greater the wonderful miracle becomes.

What is blindness? Blindness is not necessarily a disease of the optic nerve or retina. Blindness, the kind of blindness that can be cured by the light of the world, goes much deeper than that. The story of John 9 is more than a miracle; it is the story of a man who became right related to Jesus and "saw" completely for the first time in his life. In our day and time the modern Pharisee who cannot see his sin remains blind to whom Jesus is and what he can do for them. They say, "I don't need God and this religious bit; I'm as good as the next guy."

Manford Gutzke tells a story that happened in Winnipeg, Canada years ago. A couple of boys had gone down the river on a raft. Suddenly they were in grave danger of drowning. Other boys who saw the danger

rushed down to a boat they knew about. They leaped into the boat, and went out to rescue the two frightened small boys.

When the rescue party brought the boys safely to shore, the owner of the boat accused the rescuers of stealing the boat! This created such a reaction in the community that the owners of the boat had to leave town.

Of course, the charge of stealing the boat was ridiculous. Yet the same type of unreasonable opposition to Jesus for breaking the Sabbath was the question. The educated Pharisees, despite their sophisticated interest in the things of God, remained in their unbelief but the sincere individual with his humble response to the actual realities of the word and the word of God came to know Jesus Christ personally. His personal experience, "Once I was blind — now I see," really counts.

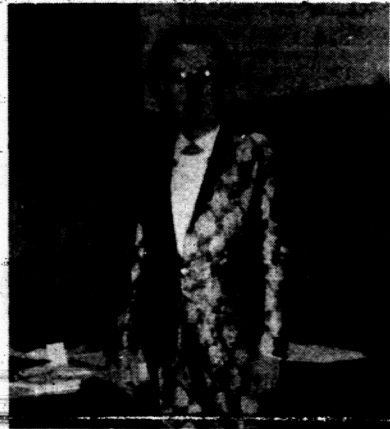
Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World." The response to the Light determines whether one shall receive sight or remain blind. Those who acknowledge their blindness and in faith commit themselves to Christ as Lord receive their sight. Those who refuse God's truth remain blind. Sight is made possible to those who respond in faith.

## Church Training Emphasis

# "Cowhands" Gather On The "Ranch" At Second Avenue Church, Laurel

Before the new church year began at Second Avenue, Laurel, the newly elected officers of Church Training, Betty Martin, director, and Mrs. Muri Bankston, associate director, began a Roundup Emphasis to promote attendance in Training Union. For five weeks, announcements were made in the morning worship service using some western object, and on Sunday evening service, a bounty or reward was given to those who "rounded-up" a prospect.

A Western Roundup Party terminated the member-roundup emphasis and more than 200 "cowhands" gathered at the ranch on the parking lot of the church. The parking lot had been turned into a western ranch surrounded by a board fence which had been built by the Boy Scouts of the church.



As the guests arrived they entered the gate from which hung a big sign reading "T. U. Ranch" and each was branded with a fire iron T. U. emblem and colorful bandanas were given everyone to wear at the party. Other spots of interest were the livery stable converted from the Scout Hut with horses peering from the doors, a chuck wagon laden with churms and iron cooking pots, an "old-timey" well, huge milk cans, a silo, saddles, blankets, and a huge circle of bales of hay and sacks of feed centered by a camp fire.

Guest master of ceremonies and entertainer for the evening was Earl Aycock of Meridian, who sang and told tall tales. Mr. Aycock is a former member of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville and one of the south's leading MC's, western entertainers and sportscasters. Songs by Marsh Wedgeworth, Laurel's Junior Miss, currently attending Mississippi State University, were another special treat for the crowd, as were songs featuring Second Avenue's new Youth Folk

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The following figures are for their Lottie Moon gifts over the five-year period: 1967, \$1356; 1968, \$1403; 1969, \$1008, 1970, \$1359; and 1971, \$1400.

These figures are outstanding for a church with an average of about 130 in Sunday school, and the people of the church are to be commended for their love of missions.

Other factors make this record even more outstanding. In the summer of 1968 the church began a building program at a cost of \$84,000. This has been paid as due, and now the church has over \$7,000 in a special account for debt retirement.

Another important factor is that 22 per cent of all undesignated gifts go to the Cooperative Program. The giving to the Cooperative Program has grown from \$1508 in 1961 to \$1511 in 1970. Gifts to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions show the same picture.

After the party, many of the guests lingered to sing western songs with Mr. Aycock around the campfire and to roast marshmallows.

Dr. Murphy challenged the Training Union that if they would have 250 persons attending Training Union on a Sunday night, then he would preach in the western suit the next Sunday night. Average attendance for October was 238, for November 209 and 163 in December. The high attendance was 274 on November 8 and Dr. Murphy preached on the "Glowing Gospel" in his western suit. Then 248 persons were present for the Christmas program with the scene of Bethlehem being constructed by the Training Union, which included the stable, manger, sheep, donkey, wise men, shepherds and Mary and Joseph. A highlight was a Christmas story told by Mrs. Muri Bankston, the scripture reading of Luke read in French by Mrs. Gloria Pruitt, and the English translation by the pastor. Special music from the choir was enjoyed.

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### Lake Harbor To Celebrate 1st Anniversary

Lake Harbor Church located on Highway 43 at the Barnett Reservoir is planning to observe its first anniversary as a church with a special birthday celebration on February 14, in the morning service. Activities will include reports of growth and accomplishments; personal testimonies, a message by the pastor, Rev. James Pugh, Jr.; Frank Steidle of Canton in charge of music; and cutting of a huge birthday cake. The public is invited.



### Northside, Clinton Calls New Pastor

Rev. James M. Porch, Jr., pastor of Calvary Church, Bogue Chitto, has accepted the call of the Clinton, Northside Church and began his ministry there Sunday, February 7.

Mr. Porch is the son of Mrs. Lillian Porch presently employed at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson. A native of Pelahatchie, he is a graduate of Mississippi College, and received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. While in college he held the A. A. Stanley Ministerial Scholarship. Currently he is a doctoral student at New Orleans Seminary, having completed all his course work and language requirements for the Th.D. degree with a major in

church history. He is completing his dissertation.

During his college days he served the Concord Church in Madison county and was a student assistant in history for Professor P. I. Lipsey, Jr. and in Bible for Dr. W. W. Stevens. In the Seminary he has had a Graduate Fellowship in Church History as well as serving as pastor of full time churches. He has been at the Calvary since 1966.

In 1963 he was married to Martha Lynn Sullivan of Nashville, Tennessee, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Sullivan. Her father is executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board and at one time was pastor of Clinton, First Church. Mrs. Porch is also a graduate of Mississippi College and has been employed there as a student residence counselor. More recently she has taught school in Lincoln county.

The Porches who have recently purchased a home at 911 Live Oak Drive in the new Clinton Holiday Homes sub-division are in the process of adopting a son. Scott Jackson Porch has come into their lives since the decision to move to Clinton was made.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Porch have been active in programs of work with young people. They have served on the faculties for youth training at Camp Garaywa, Ridgecrest Assembly and at Glorieta. Last year he was chosen to be listed in "Outstanding Young Men of America of 1970."

### MC Names Speakers For Religious Emphasis Week-February 15-19

Religious Emphasis Week at Mississippi College Feb. 15-19 will feature four outstanding speakers from various areas of service.

Serving as guest speakers for the week of special emphasis will be Dr. J. Philip Landgrave, associate professor in the School of Church Music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ed Seabough, associate secretary in the Department of Missionary Personnel of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board; Dave Simmons, former professional football player and director of the King's Arrow Boys Ranch at Lumberton; and Grady Nutt, humorist of Louisville, Ky., and former assistant at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

They will be leading worship sessions and seminars built around the theme "Here is My Life." Coordinating the week's activities are Marty Albritton of Crowley, La., and Rory Lee of Prentiss, student co-chairmen, with assistance from Rev. Bradley Pope, director of religious activities on campus.



Nutt



Landgrave



Simmons



Seabough

The Brazilian Baptist convention recently held its 53rd annual meeting, with 2,334 messengers registered for the closing session in the newly dedicated auditorium at Fluminense Baptist College, Campos. Ebenezer Soares Ferreira, director of the college, was elected convention president. During evangelistic services held in various parts of the city, 333 persons registered Christian life decisions. The convention added 61 churches to its roll and approved a budget of US\$180,000, a 36 per cent increase over 1970 receipts. Next year's sessions will be held in Sao Paulo.

### Names In The News

Melita Ann Shoemaker of Clara, First Church received two superior ratings, one in hymn playing and the other classical, in the District Music Festival held in Laurel on a recent Thursday night. This was Melita's sixth year to participate for which she holds eight superior certificates, one being a state rating last year. She will attend the State Tournament at Clarke College this month.

Rev. Hal B. Lee Jr., missionary, was elected president of the Paris Regional French Baptist Pastors' Conference for 1971. Lee is the first Southern Baptist missionary to be elected to this post. The conference, patterned after those in the United States, meets five times per year with membership open to all full-time Christian workers related to the French Baptist Federation who are serving in or near Paris. Lee, pastor of the city's Emmanuel Baptist Church, was born in Ruston, La., and lived in several Mississippi towns while growing up. Mrs. Lee, the former Lou Ann Green, was born in Independence, La., and also lived in Prentiss, Poplarville and Pascagoula, Miss., while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1962.

Rev. Jack Elliott, pastor of Highland Church, Jackson, and graduate of New Orleans Baptist Seminary, spoke recently at chapel at the seminary.

Dr. L. Dudley Wilson, pastor of Northminster Church, Jackson, was among those ministers of the nation invited to attend the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson left for Washington on Monday, February 1, and attended the breakfast on Tuesday, February 2.



Wilson



William Carey College sister and brother team, Carol and Greg Martin, sort out slides from mission work in Montana for use at First Church, Hattiesburg, home missions study February 10. Carol, a freshman, and Greg, a senior, have spent a total of four summers in student summer missions activities in the state of Montana. Carol shared her experiences, using pictures taken by both of them, for the Girls' Activities group at First Church. Greg and Carol are the son and daughter of Dr. D. C. Martin, Dean of Student Affairs at William Carey College.

Jack Boyd Bennette, pictured, was licensed to the ministry by Chalybeate Church on January 31. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bennette, Rt. 1, Tipplersville, he is enrolled at Blue Mountain College. He has just completed one and one-half years toward a law degree from Mississippi State University. Rev. James Edwards is pastor of the Chalybeate Church.



Bennette

Dr. B. F. Smith, professor of religion and philosophy at William Carey College, was in Daytona Beach, Fla., recently participating in a Baptist-Catholic Regional Conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. The veteran Carey professor, a former vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is one of a few from Mississippi invited by the Board to meet with Catholic leaders to share views of some of the vital doctrines held by the two denominations.

Rev. Odell Wicker was ordained to the ministry on January 3 at Stanton Church, Natchez. He has accepted the pastorate of Grace Church, Route 1, Goldonna, La. Mrs. Wicker is from McComb. They have three children, Bettina, Carey, and Christie.

David H. Warnock of Clinton and St. Petersburg, Fla., has been named recipient of the Lamar Life Broadcasting Company Scholarship at Mississippi College for the current school year.



Warnock will receive his bachelor's degree, with a major in speech, from Mississippi College in August of this year and hopes someday to own and manage a broadcasting station. After attending Elkins Institute of Broadcasting and Engineering and receiving a first class engineering license, he worked as an announcer for KTBB in Tyler, Texas. He later came to Jackson as an announcer for WWUN radio and later was named program director of that station. Realizing the importance of a college education, Warnock resigned his post with WWUN to enter college full-time. He does work part-time at the station as an announcer. He is currently teaching a class in broadcasting at Mississippi College. He transferred to Mississippi College after three years at Murray State University.

Rev. Eddie M. Brady has assumed duties as pastor of First Church, Morgan, Texas. He was formerly pastor of Sycamore Church, Quincy, Fla., where he served two years. Now attending Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brady of Loun, Miss. He and his wife, the former Charlotte Saxon of Bay Springs, Miss., are living in the parsonage at Morgan.



Brady

## Evangelist John Haggai To Open Singapore Headquarters

ATLANTA (RNS)—Evangelist John Haggai will officiate at the opening of his new international headquarters in Singapore—the foreign mission base which is hoped to generate 487-million "Asian contacts" by 1976.

The first five-week seminar to train key mission leaders will begin at Evangelism International's new center on Feb. 1.

"Evangelism International is seeking to deal with the growing crisis in foreign missions, Dr. Haggai, president said at his headquarters here. 'The missionary effort is not dying, but it is changing—radically.'"

He explained that "a growing nationalism in non-Western, non-white nations combines with an increasing resentment against American paternalism (whether imaginary or real) to close doors to American ideology."

The evangelist pointed out that one-third of the world is now closed to "foreign missionaries," and that by 1972 Western missionaries may be barred from half the world. He warned that India may close her doors by 1972.

"It is tragic that Christianity, for many people, is the religion of the West only," Dr. Haggai observed. "Christianity is, after all, a faith that had its first hearing in the Orient. For generations we've tried to bring a white Christ to a non-white world. Our effort at Evangelism International, instead, is to bring the world what we believe to be a universal Christ."

He said that "the ministry of Evangelism International is to provide opportunities of training for national Christians to become missionaries in their own lands. This is done through the series of seminars."

"Modest projections" taken by the organization indicate that by 1974 some 450 key leaders will have been trained in non-Western, non-white nations.

"These will have trained 238,000 of the top leaders in their respective nations by 1975," the evangelist noted. "Each of these will reach, conservatively, 2,000 people a year—totalling a staggering 487 million by 1976."

Dr. Haggai, who founded the organization in 1962, is a second generation Syrian. His father was converted to Christianity in Syria and later became a Southern Baptist minister in the U. S.

Dr. Haggai also became a Southern Baptist clergyman and is now acclaimed as the nation's "No. 2 evangelist"—with first rank given to Billy Graham.

Singapore was favored as the site for the international headquarters because of its "neutrality, accessibility and proximity." About half of the world's population is estimated to live within a 3,000-mile radius of the city.

Singapore was also favored because it is in an Asian country. The former international headquarters was in Switzerland.

The seminars, provided free to most students, are conducted at a cost of approximately \$82,500 each.

### Baptist Book Store In Ecuador Leads Scripture Distribution

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador — The Baptist Book Store here led in Scripture distribution in Ecuador, Nov. 1, 1969-Oct. 31, 1970, according to the annual report of Major Cesar Proano, executive secretary of the national Bible societies organization.

The store, operated by the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Ecuador, is credited with distributing 53,235 copies of Scripture portions, testaments and Bibles, said missionary Stanley D. Stamps. The report indicated that a total of 976,306 Scripture portions were distributed during the 12-month period.

In second place was the evangelical

radio and TV station HCJB in Quito with 47,162 copies distributed, and third was the Gospel Missionary Union bookstore in Guayaquil with 31,949 copies.

The record attained by the Baptist Book Store was due largely to the intensive use of New Testaments and Scripture portions during the Campaign of the Second Harvest and other evangelistic efforts during the Crusade of the Americas, Stamps said.

More than 1,800 New Testaments in a popular version were distributed through TV devotional programs conducted by pastor Alberto Lopez.

### West Marks Calls Pastor

Rev. Calvin C. Inman has accepted the pastorate of West Marks Church, Marks, after serving as pastor of Sardis Springs Church, Athens, Alabama, for eight years. He has served the following churches in Mississippi: Simmons Memorial Chapel, Flora; Walnut Church, Vance; Friendship Church, Natchez; and Evergreen Church, Louisville.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Inman attended Mississippi College and graduated from Mississippi State University. They have one son, Stephen, 16.



Inman

### West Drew Welcomes Pastor

A pantry shower was given recently by members of West Drew Church, Sunflower Association, for their new pastor and his family. Rev. J. W. Baker, his wife Martha, and children, Myra, Mike, Debra, and Danny, moved into the parsonage and were given a warm welcome. The Bakers moved from Mountain Creek Church near Florence where he was pastor until recently.

## Off The Record

President Coolidge once invited some Vermont friends to dine at the White House. They were worried about their table manners, so decided to do everything Coolidge did. The meal passed smoothly until coffee was served and Coolidge poured his into a saucer. The guests followed suit. Then he added sugar and cream. The visitors did likewise. Then Coolidge leaned over and gave it to the cat. Moral: If you imitate another man's actions, make sure you, too, have a cat.

A man put a coin into a vending machine and watched helplessly while the cup failed to appear. One nozzle sent coffee down the drain while another poured cream after it. Now, that's real automation," the man said. Even drinks it for you." From a new book published by Doubleday, Jokes, Puns, and Doodles, edited by David Allen Clark.

Horace Greeley always insisted that the word "news" was plural. He once wired a reporter: "Are there any news?"

The reply came: "Not a new."

Billy: "Daddy, why is the earth round?"

Father: "I'm not really sure."

Billy: "What makes an elephant so big?"

Father: "I don't know, son."

Billy: "Am I bothering you with my questions?"

Father: "Not at all. You never learn anything if you don't ask."

"Go ahead, Joe. Tell these people everything you know. It won't take but a few minutes."

"I'll do better than that, Charley. I'll tell them everything both of us know and it will still take only a few minutes."

Little Susie watched her mother smear cream on her face. "What's that for, Mama?" she asked.

"That's to make me look beautiful," the mother answered.

Later, little Susie returned just as her mother was wiping the cream off her face. "It didn't work, did it, Mama?" she asked.

"Which burns longer, a blue candle or a green candle?"

"I don't know. Which?"

"Neither. They both burn short."

Comment: Your hair is getting pretty thin on top.

Reply: Well, who wants fat hair?

### REVIVAL RESULTS

Chalybeate Church: Dec. 31-Jan. 2; Rev. Billy Smith, pastor, Trinity Church, Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; James Ray, music director; Rev. James Edwards, pastor; two professions of faith; two rededications; one addition by letter.



New Books For Spring  
WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE spring semester registration took place Tuesday with classes beginning on Wednesday. A record number of new students enrolled, one of whom is Michelle Greene, above right, freshman nursing student from Mobile, Ala. Michelle was caught by the camera as she purchased books in the Carey bookstore from students Judy Strangway, left, from Pensacola, and Barbara Rogers from Bay Springs.



### Thai Baptists Televis First Local Program

In the setting of a home decorated for the Christmas holidays, the Radio-TV and Visual Aids Department of the Thailand Baptist Mission presented a 30-minute program, telecast in color on Channel 3 in Bangkok. Several Thai guests, including Miss Thailand-1970, portrayed visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Hill, missionaries, and asked questions about the meaning of Christmas. The program featured the Baptist Belles, a handbell choir composed of 12 daughters of Southern Baptist missionaries in Thailand, led by Mr. and Mrs. Dwain H. Boothe, also missionaries. This was the first locally produced television programming by the Baptist Radio-TV department, which Hill directs. Filmed dramas produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission are telecast weekly on Channel 7, Bangkok, and Channel 10, Haadyai. (Photo by Jon Hill)

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